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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

I (We), the undersigned inventor(s), hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,
I (We) believe that I am (we are) the original, first, and joint (sole) inventor(s) of the
subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
A NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT CONTAINING A NUCLEIC ACID DERIVED
FROM THE GENOME OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) OF GENOTYPE 2a,
AND A CELL HAVING SUCH NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT
INTRODUCED THEREIN

the specification of which

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on _____ as
Application Serial No. _____
and amended on _____.
- ☐ was filed as PCT international application
Number **PCT/JP2003/015038**
on **November 25, 2003**,
and was amended under PCT Article 19
on _____ (if applicable).

I (We) hereby state that I (We) have reviewed and understand the contents of the
above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred
to above; that I (We) do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known
or used before my invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed
publication in any country before my invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year
prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States for more than one
year prior to this application; that this invention or discovery has not been patented or made
the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an
application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months
before this application.

I (We) acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to the
patentability of this application as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 Code of Federal
Regulations.

I (We) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Section 119(a)-(d) of Title 35 United States Code, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Application No.	Country	Filing date	Priority claimed	
<u>2003-148242</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>May 26, 2003</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>2003-329115</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>September 19, 2003</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Section 119(e) of Title 35 United States Code, of any United States application(s) listed below.

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(Application Number)	(Filing Date)

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I (We) hereby claim the benefit under Section 120 of Title 35 United States Code, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Section 112 of Title 35 United States Code, I (We) acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (pending, patented, abandoned)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

And I (We) hereby appoint: **BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP**,
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I (We) declare further that all statements made herein of my (our) knowledge are true and
that all statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like
so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of
the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of
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